

Special Session

Agenda Item #	4
Meeting Date	December 6, 2004
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Discussion Item	Resolution Commemorating the 25 th Anniversary of Historic Takoma, Inc.
Background	Historic Takoma, Inc. is celebrating its 25 th anniversary this year. The City Council intends to adopt a resolution commemorating the anniversary.
Policy	The City Council may adopt ceremonial resolutions to recognize events, organizations and individuals.
Fiscal Impact	None.
Attachments	Resolution
Recommendation	Review and adopt the resolution.
Special Consideration	There will be a reception for Historic Takoma at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Lobby prior to the December 6 Council Meeting.

Resolution #2004-61
Expressing Appreciation to Historic Takoma, Incorporated

- WHEREAS,** Historic Takoma Inc. is celebrating its 25th year of service to the Takoma Park community; **and,**
- WHEREAS,** Historic Takoma, Inc. was founded in 1979 with the following goals: 1) to preserve and protect the architectural and physical environment of the Takoma Park community; 2) to educate the public about the history of our community and the value of historic preservation; 3) to revitalize the business areas of the community; 4) to gather and preserve archives and artifacts related to the City's history; and, 5) to save endangered historic structures and to support their rehabilitation; **and,**
- WHEREAS,** Historic Takoma, Inc., during its 25 years of operation, has made significant contributions toward preserving and improving upon the quality of life in the Takoma Park community, including:
- supporting "Operation Turnaround," one of the City's earliest programs to preserve historic structures;
 - developing oral histories, walking tours, slide shows, seminars, exhibits, and other material and events to document and promote the City's history;
 - publishing the acclaimed books, "Takoma Park: Portrait of a Victorian Suburb," and "Takoma Park A to Z: The Kids' Guide to the Town that Gilbert Built;"
 - preserving and interpreting the historic Thomas-Siegler Carriage House and Gardens and the art deco gas station at Takoma Junction;
 - supporting the expansion of the Historic District in the City, thus helping to create the largest historic district in Montgomery County;
 - incorporating in the District of Columbia to enhance the organization's efforts to coordinate activities of mutual interest to the two sister communities of Takoma, DC and Takoma Park, Maryland;
 - helping to craft a compromise on the renovation of the Takoma Park, Maryland fire station which allows the station to remain at its current location; and,
 - helping to negotiate the expansion of Montgomery College in a manner which set a precedent for establishing the jurisdiction of historic districts within Montgomery County and the state of Maryland; **and,**
- WHEREAS,** Takoma Park today is a vibrant residential and commercial community due in large measure to the City's historic charm retained through the efforts of Historic Takoma, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE DOES THE CITY COUNCIL, on behalf of the entire Takoma Park community, resolve to express its sincerest appreciation to Historic Takoma, Inc. and its many volunteers who have devoted countless hours, for their extensive contributions over the past 25 years to the preservation and promulgation of our heritage, and to the evolution of our unique sense of community and historical awareness.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2004.

Kathryn H. Porter
Mayor

Catherine E. Waters, CMC
City Clerk / Treasurer